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Amendment dated February 4, 2005
Reply to Final Office Action of December 8, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated December 8, 2004 rejected Claims 1-18 and 20. Claim 1 is amended. No new matter has been added. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 8-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,463,427 issued to *Wu*. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wu* in view of *Peiya Liu*. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The Office Action rejected independent Claim 1 by citing a procedure described in *Wu* for searching objects during synchronization. Claim 1, as amended, recites, "receiving a first manifest of modifications to a data store, wherein the first manifest is compatible with a synchronization protocol that does not support add events; comparing the first manifest of modifications to a list of objects within a mobile data store; altering the first manifest to reflect that a particular modification is associated with an add event for an object not on the list of objects within the mobile data store when the particular modification identified in the first manifest is interpreted as being associated with a change event for the object not on the list of objects; and creating a second manifest of modifications from the altered first manifest, wherein the second manifest is compatible with a synchronization protocol that supports add events." The limitations recited in amended Claim 1 are significantly different from the procedure in *Wu* cited by the Office Action.

Wu is directed to creating, comparing, and updating objects in an object store. For example, "[s]ynchronization manager implements the synchronization protocol to allow a comparison between corresponding objects stored in object store in mobile device and object store in desktop computer, to receive objects from object store, and to update objects in object store." (col. 6, lines 22-26) "[A]pplication programming interfaces allow the creation of databases for different types of objects, and allow application programs to write and read property names and values to and from respective objects within object store." (col. 6, lines 36-39)

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Wu does not disclose the limitations as recited in Applicant's amended Claim 1. Specifically, *Wu* does not teach a "first manifest [that] is compatible with a synchronization protocol that does not support add events; comparing the first manifest of modifications to a list of objects within a mobile data store; altering the first manifest to reflect that a particular modification is associated with an add event for an object not on the list of objects within the mobile data store when the particular modification identified in the first manifest is interpreted as being associated with a change event for the object not on the list of objects; and creating a second manifest of modifications from the altered first manifest, wherein the second manifest is compatible with a synchronization protocol that supports add events." Thus, the *Wu* procedure is different and, more significantly, does not anticipate the method as recited in Applicant's Claim 1. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention recited in amended independent Claim 1 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by *Wu* and is submitted to be allowable.

Claims 11 and 18 include limitations substantially similar (albeit different in other important ways) to the limitations claimed in Claim 1. As discussed above, Claim 1 is submitted to be allowable. Thus, Claims 11 and 18 are submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons that Claim 1 is allowable, and notice to that effect is solicited.

As discussed above, independent Claims 1, 11 and 18 are allowable. Thus, dependent Claims 2-10, 12-17 and 20 are allowable for at least the same reasons that the base claims on which they rely are allowable, and notice to that effect is solicited.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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